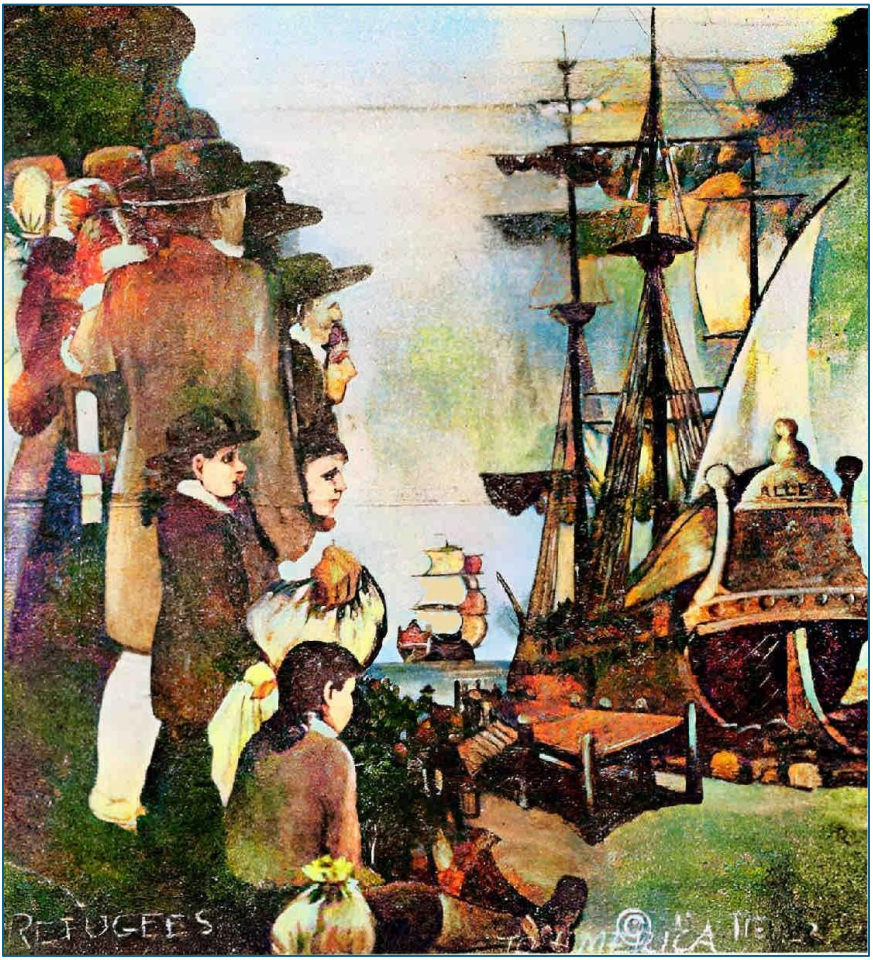
"so great a cloud of witnesses..."

(Heb. 12:1)



The first wave of Brethren refugees emigrated from Europe under the leadership of Elder Peter Becker (1719), followed by a second wave led by Brethren founder Alexander Mack in 1729.

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA

August 31, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirty-first Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2025

- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—No Service.

NOTE: No Sunday School next week (9/7); our Sunday School resumes on 9/14 at 9:30 AM.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Glory be the Father"* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: "Blessed be the Name" (#22).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Calvary Covers it All"* (#232).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Sunshine in my Soul"* (#233).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: Special Guest Speaker, Brother David Zambuto

Closing Hymn:* *"Amazing Grace!"* (#200).

Benediction.*

NO Midweek Prayer & Bible Study this week:
Prayer Service resumes 9/11 at 6:30PM.

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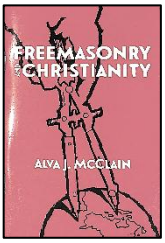
Dave (left) & Joe Zambuto with their Pastor, Matt Foreman at CGBCI National Conference

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: We are honored that **David Zambuto**, a long-time Practorium Student from our sister church (the **North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church of Kittanning, PA**) is filling-in today for the Pastor. David is the brother of **Joe Zambuto**, who has spoken here on multiple occasions.

GIDEON SUNDAY: Brother **Dennis Smith** from the **Gideons International** will be sharing with us next week (**September 7th**) what God is currently doing throughout the world through that great ministry. The mission of the Gideons is the distribution of the *Word of God*—which is the Divinely appointed agent and means of regeneration (1 Pet. 1:23) and sanctification (Eph. 5:26).

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES



We have reached a midpoint in our studies in Daniel, having concluded the historical narratives of chapters 1-thru-6. Prior to resuming our Daniel studies with the prophetic/visionary section of chs. 7-12, we will be taking a short break from Daniel and engage in a brief survey of the Christian's appropriate response to Secret Lodges and Secret Societies. This is an important, yet often-neglected topic that has historically enkindled a strong response from traditional Brethren circles—including our own Dr. Alva J. McClain.

AFRICA UPDATES: PASTOR KEITH MERRIMAN

Dear beloved brethren (Aug. 20, 2025),

Praise the Lord! The Lord answered our prayers. Salomon and Mary arrived in Brussels this morning and their connecting flight was delayed three hours so that they had plenty of time to make their connection. In fact because of the delay the airline gave them both a free meal at any restaurant at the airport. They are scheduled to fly out of Brussels at 9 AM our time (EST) 3 PM Brussels time. The flight is nine hours! Please pray for journey mercies on this last leg of the journey and that they would receive all their luggage when they arrive in Yaounde.

God bless and thank you for praying. Keith

Dear beloved brethren (Aug. 20, 2025),

Home safe!! Salomon and Mary arrived in Yaounde about 7:00 PM our time with all their luggage!! They did not have to pay any customs!!

The Lord is so good. Pray that they will get some good rest the next couple of days. Their trip was about 34 hours!!

God bless and thanks again for all the prayers. Keith

Dear beloved brethren (Aug. 21, 2025),

I just spoke with Pastor Salomon. This morning Mercy (his youngest daughter) was taking the motorcycle taxi to do some errands and a car hit her motorcycle. She was in the hospital, no broken bones, but serious swelling and pain. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors to treat here and for complete healing.

Thanks, God bless, Keith